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1. The 8 Artillery Regiment is attached to 8 Infantry Division and until April 1948 was stationed at Stara Zagora. On said date 8 Artillery Regiment was moved to permanent quarters at Nova Zagora, in place of 1 Horse Artillery Regiment which moved out of Nova Zagora. The new quarters of the latter Regiment is not known.

2. Organization and equipment of 8 Artillery Regiment is as follows:

- a. Regimental staff

- b. I Section (battalion), now called division:

Section staff - one officer, two sergeants and 20 men

- 1 Battery - four Soviet (ZIS) guns of 76.2 mm.
2 Battery - four German howitzers of 105 mm.

- c. II Section (battalion), now called division:

Section staff - same as in I Section

- 3 Battery - four Soviet (ZIS) guns of 765 mm.
4 Battery - four German howitzers of 105 mm. D/28
5 Battery - four German howitzers of 105 mm. D/28

- d. "Special Battery" - signals

All guns are horse-drawn; the howitzer shells weigh about 16 kilograms. Altogether, the regiment has about 40 officers, 25 sergeants and 500 enlisted men.

3. Personnel of 8 Artillery Regiment is as follows:

- a. Lieutenant Colonel Petko Nikolov - Commanding Officer of Regiment; age 35; native Bulgarian; returned from the Soviet Union in 1948; Communist.
- b. Captain Ezoki Ezoklov - Deputy Commanding Officer of Regiment in charge of political indoctrination; age 40; Communist.

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- c. First Lieutenant Dobri Nikolov - Chief of Staff of Regiment; age 38; Communist.
- d. Second Lieutenant Strolchov - Aide-in-Camp of Regiment; age 28.
- e. Second Lieutenant Ivan Kratounkov - Regimental intelligence officer; age 25; Communist.
- f. Second Lieutenant Hyagolev - Staff officer; age 27; Communist.
- g. First Lieutenant Jelyazov - Commanding Officer of I Section; age 30; Communist.
- h. Second Lieutenant Manahikov - Commanding Officer of 1 Battery; age 26; Communist.
- i. Captain Rousinov - Commanding Officer of II Section; native of Nova Zagora; age 28; Communist.
- j. Captain Kolev - Chief of Staff of II Section; age 40; officer of the old regime.
- k. Captain Stefanov - Deputy Commanding Officer of II Section; native of Vratsa; age 35; Communist.
- l. Second Lieutenant Bojinov - Commanding Officer of 3 Battery; age 28; Communist.
- m. First Lieutenant Nikola Iliev - Commanding Officer of 5 Battery; age 30; Communist.
- n. Second Lieutenant Georgiev - 5 Battery; age 25; Communist.

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Comment: Special attention is called to the new terms used to identify an artillery battalion or section. Formerly the term Otdelenie was used, but now the term Division is used. This is not to be confused with the English word Division.

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